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Subject: RE: OPP IO review: Independent filmmaker re Bumblebees

Looks good. For number 6 do you want to link the recent treated seeds update?

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Thanks very much Mike.

Ed – Please let us know if you have any changes.

Thanks again,
Shamus

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Looks good. I have no comments. Thanks

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Please find for your review the response to questions from an independent filmmaker regarding pesticides and pollinators. An outlet/distributor of the film is not yet secured (background highlighted in yellow below). EFED, RD, PRD, BPPD, and OGC have reviewed.

Incoming:

I am producing a film on bumblebees and their threats and I was hoping you could possibly answer some of the questions we came up with below. Please let me know if you prefer that I schedule a time to call you. We are trying to get a full picture and facts for the film and not out to make the EPA or anyone look bad.

1. What kind of testing is being done on the effects of pesticides in the US?
2. Are there potential chemicals being studied that could possibly in the future be safer for the environment and pollinators?
3. Does the EPA currently consider endangered species areas (for respecting habitats) in regards to where pesticides are allowed?
4. Does the EPA use the best available sciences and case studies when making decisions regarding pesticides? We were told that legit studies are being dismissed and mostly studies funded from pesticide makers are being used for decisions-in other words pesticide companies are controlling parts of EPA, is any of this true?
5. Someone mentioned (and I will write it out phonetically) "die-campbell pesticide" is a really bad one? Do you have any further comments on that?
6. We were told that seeds are sometimes already treated and systemic chemicals are one result of this-harming pollinators. Can you comment on this?

Response:

 [OPP, Independent Filmmaker, Pesticides and Pollinators.docx](#)

From: Sullivan, Melissa <sullivan.melissa@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 11:43 AM

To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: forwarding to you... FW: Questions for film on Bumblebees

Good morning Cheryl,

The reporter provided the below:

Bumblebees have long roamed the earth. These fluffy pollinators fly around, collecting pollen, minding their own business, and help our earth blossom every year. But with the changing climate and other factors that affect the survival of the bumblebee, some species may not be able to survive. "Franklin's Bumblebee" is one of these species. It was last seen in 2006. Franklin's last known location is in the high mountain range of the Cascades near Ashland, Oregon. Every year a group of scientists and explorers gather for one week in July to search for this rare bumblebee in hopes of finding one, so they do not have to proclaim it extinct. Join a group of over 50 scientists and explorers as they search for the world famous Franklin's Bumblebee to see if it is possible that it still survives.

As far as where it will air/play, it will likely be televised and we will work on finding a distribution partner once the film is completed, which we expect it to be by January 2023. We have interviewed some university professors who are entomologists and the Xerces society. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,
Melissa

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On Nov 1, 2022, at 1:14 PM, Sullivan, Melissa <sullivan.melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The reporter has pinged for an update about their inquiry.

Is OCSPP preparing responses to the below?

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Thank you,

Janice

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